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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, 20 million Americans suffer from chronic kidney
3 disease and an additional 20 million are at risk for kidney
4 disease; 600,000 people in Illinois alone suffer from chronic
5 kidney disease and over 15,000 are on dialysis due to kidney
6 failure; and

7 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives recognizes
8 that more can be done to prevent and lessen the effects of
9 Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) and improve the lives of millions
10 of Americans; and

11 WHEREAS, Early detection is critical to helping those
12 affected by kidney disease; the Illinois House of
13 Representatives recognizes that early detection and treatment
14 in its early stages can delay the onset of end stage kidney
15 failure, which in turn reduces the number of patients that
16 require dialysis and reduces the long-term effects of the
17 disease, including its impact on diabetes and cardiovascular
18 disease; and

19 WHEREAS, African-Americans and Hispanics currently suffer
20 from chronic kidney disease at a rate that is four times higher
21 than the overall rate of Americans diagnosed with CKD; and

1 WHEREAS, Targeting specific populations can help maximize
2 the efficiency of catching the disease in its early stages,
3 saving not only money but greatly improving the quality of life
4 of those affected by the disease; and

5 WHEREAS, We have affirmed our support for early detection
6 and education programs offered through the National Kidney
7 Foundation of Illinois and World Kidney Day; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 designate March 12, 2009 as "World Kidney Day" in the State of
11 Illinois; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That we support public policy initiatives in this
13 area and acknowledge the need for education and awareness to
14 support applicable medical treatment specific to the
15 populations at greatest risk in eliminating this health
16 disparity.